Testimony of

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Education Committee

Re:

HB 5286: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PRESERVICE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

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Good morning, Senator McCrory, Representative Sanchez, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 5286 and the elimination of the statewide implementation of the preservice performance assessment, edTPA.

Edtpa is a complete waste of time. Simply put, you are repeating yourself over and over. They ask the same questions using different words. You have to follow the samples format or you fail. It was a complete waste of time and effort as well as added so much unnecessary stress to my life. I have never and will never apply anything that was in Edtpa into the classroom.

Thank you for addressing these critical issues impacting our students, our educators, and our school communities.